search among teachers and educationists, and does so mainly in the following ways:—

(i) Financial assistance for research projects and fellowships for doctoral work;

(ii) Publication grants for doctoral theises and research monographs;

(iii) By acting as a clearing-house for ideas and information on educational research and innovations; and

(iv) Organisation of all India competition-cum-seminar reading programmes for teachers and teacher educators, on innovations and experimentation in teaching methodology.

(c) In the main thrust of the National Policy on Education, 1986, a massive programme for orienting school teachers, including Principals and Headmasters, is operated through NCERT. This is to improve professional competence. A total of about 13.48 lakh teachers have been trained under this programme through 10-day orientation camps during 1986, 1987 and 1988. The 1989 round of the programme is in progress.

Introduction of Computer Science as a subject in Kendriya Vidyalayas

*137. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is considering to introduce Computer Science as an elective subject in Kendriya Vidyalayas at Plus two stage; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Kendriya Vidyalayas cater to the educational needs of the children of transferable Central Govt. employees. Accordingly it is necessary to have uniformity in courses throughout the country. Offering more subjects at plus two level uniformity in all Kendriya Vidyalayas would very substantially increase the requirement of funds for additional teachers and classrooms. Keeping in view the constraints of resources it is not considered advisable to introduce more number of elective subjects at plus two stage.

Private buses under D.T.C. Operation

*18. SHRRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private buses under the D.T.C. operation as on 1st tion as on 1-7-1989 under the temporary stage carriage permits;

(b) the number of private buses under the D.T.C. operation as on 1st January, 1988; and

(c) under what legal authority temporary stage carriage permits have been allowed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) 733.

(b) 1042.

(c) The existing temporary permits had been issued by the State Transport Authority under the provision of erstwhile Motor Vehicles Act, 1939.

West Germany's Denial Regarding supply of equipments for AGNI

*139. KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the details of West German Ministry

of Research and Technology and Aerospace Research Development officials about propaganda that West Germany had supplied the technology and main equipment and components for Indian missile Agni; and

(b) if so, whether Government would ask the U.S. Government to ask its official bodies like the C.I.A. to desist from propaganda that Agni was not indigenous?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has not issued any official statement on this subject.

(b) Government of India have on more than one occasion pointed out to the US Government that the Agni missile was developed indigenously and the suggestions that it is based on imported technology are false and baseless.

News item capitioned 'paucity of funds hits NAAI'

*140. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to a news item captioned 'Paucity of funds hits National Airports Authority of India' which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 2nd June, 1989;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that due to the withdrawal of budgetary support to the National Airports Authority of India, the task of manning the airports has suffered;

(c) whether Government propose to investigate into the whole matter and likely to provide sufficient funds to NAAI to complete its task; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Airport are manned satisfactorily. However, due to overall financial constraints the Seventh Plan outlay for the civil aviation sector was reduced and consequently allocations for the Directorate General of Civil Aviation/National Airports Authority were also reduced, as a result of which execution of certain schemes having low priority had to be postponed.

(c) and (d) The National Airports Authority have raised Route Navigational Facility Charges, introduced Terminal Navigational Landing Charges and levied a Passengers' Service Fee. They are also implementing various other methods of increasing their sources of revenue.

A proposal to provide additional budgetary support to the National Airports Authority is already under examination.

Withholding of permission to documentary films on Darjeeling ....

@871. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for which the Regional Films Censor Board, Calcutta, withheld its permission to two documentary films on Darjeeling, produced by a private entrepreneur; and

(b) by when the Board is likely to take final decision on these documentaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Of the two documentary films on Darjeeling produced in Bengali by two

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